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Raised HB 6977- An Act Concerning Prevention Strategies for Diseases caused by Human Papilloma Virus

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The Christian Science Committee on Publication for Connecticut is respectful of the prevention strategies presented in Raised House Bill 6977 and appreciates the religious accommodation that it contains in Section 10-204a: "(3) presents a statement from the parents or guardian of such child that such immunization would be contrary to the religious beliefs of such child;"

This religious accommodation is an important provision to Christian Scientists who may feel that an immunization would be contrary to their religious beliefs. We neither support nor object to this bill, but respectfully request that should this bill move forward, the religious accommodation remain intact.

Thank you for the inclusion of this important religious accommodation and to your continued dedication to the public health and well being of our Connecticut citizens.